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9 December 1969

MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Historical Staff, O/DCI

SUBJECT : Status Report on the CS Historical Program

1. Progress continues to be made in implementing the CS Historical Program since the last report submitted to the Executive Director-Comptroller. In this interval considerable effort has been, and continues to be, made to refine the Historical Program Outlines previously submitted by the various components of the Clandestine Service. As production of specific histories has progressed, various gaps and areas of duplication and overlap have been identified. This experience highlighted the need for refinement of the overall CS Program and has facilitated such progress as has been made to date in this regard. Efforts will continue along these lines, and further refinements will undoubtedly be made as we go along and discussions are held with writers in the preparation of outlines for new historical papers.

2. At the present time, the CS Program calls for a total of 396 specific chronological histories or operational monographs. Emphasis and priorities have been set for the preparation of histories of the CS stations and bases overseas. These are not only essential elements of the overall CS history but are currently valuable for training and indoctrinating personnel being assigned to overseas posts.

3. To date, 128 CS histories have been published. Tab A lists the published histories by their CS control number.

4. Of the remaining 268 histories required to complete the CS program as presently envisaged, 81 are in various stages of research or writing and 187 have no writers. Tab B consists of two papers: one identifies the histories to be written and their status, and the second lists the histories published by organizational component.

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5. Tab C is a list of histories published since 14 April 1969.

6. Tab D summarizes numerically the information contained in Tabs A and B.

7. Personnel: Tab E is a list of individuals who are actively participating in the CS Historical Program. This list, at first glance, appears impressive, but it must be remembered that a number of these individuals, holding other assignments, are able to devote only a portion of their time to the program. Many additional CS officers willingly participate in a debriefing program through which their recollections and experiences are carefully recorded in "Country Folders." Where no station history has already been written, these debriefings not only provide useful research material for subsequent writers of individual histories but also serve, ad interim, as valuable briefing documents for personnel being assigned to those particular stations.

8. The unavailability of qualified, experienced writers, however, continues to be the major obstacle to the completion of the "catch-up" (1945-1965) phase of the CS Historical Program.

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Executive Secretary  
CS Historical Board

Attachments:

- A - Roster of completed CS histories by control number
- B - (1) Histories in process or to be written by component  
(2) Completed histories by CS component
- C - List of histories published since 14 April 1969
- D - Numerical summary of Tabs A and B
- E - List of participants in CS Historical Program

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